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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I am faxing you concerning the Microsoft settlement.

I believe in free enterprise and have for many years worked with other small companies. I have used computers since the mid 1980's in my businesses. I greatly appreciate all that Microsoft has done to enable US companies but especially small companies do their business productively. We faced major costs with unknown results trying to use custom software before the success of Microsoft who offer us competitive suitable software for our various needs.

I, like many other people in small business, feel that major companies which try to compete with Microsoft are trying to use the US government and courts to fight Microsoft success because these big companies have not met the market needs that Microsoft so successfully addresses.

While I was totally opposed to the court actions, I was pleased that a settlement was reached at least between the US government as well as many states and Microsoft. The settlement was a compromise but I thought would enable Microsoft to focus again on their customers' needs in a world of global competition. Weakening Microsoft could enable not only US competitors but overseas competitors an unfair advantage. Microsoft is a major US exporter which we need and has helped many other companies and technologies grow to the benefit of the USA.

I hope this settlement will be enacted this month.

I believe that less government and more individual initiative is what makes the USA strong in this world. Let us finally let Microsoft focus on their business which has definitely help our company and many thousands of companies our size compete daily in our business areas.

Thank you for your time. I wish you continued success in your fight against world terrorism.

Sincerely,

Larry Hilchie

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